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Subject: Connecticut, Massachusetts, & Rhode Island-week of 4/24/98

Rhode Island-The lobby team has been at the Statehouse all week working the members of the General Court to defeat the billboard/advertising bill; they will call with the results.

Connecticut-We were asked to concentrate on the Senate with calls to kill the excise tax attached to finance legislation by our lobby team. On Wednesday the Democrat Candidate for CT. Governor and the AG held a press conference to lobby for the tax increase. The Bridgeport mailing has been completed and we are requesting a similar effort for Orange before the 5/13 selectmen's hearing.

Massachusetts-Two industry meetings were held on 4/21 and 4/22 to develop strategy for the AG proposals under MGL Ch. 93A. The lobby team has recommended a series of meetings with coalition partners, related and unrelated associations, and advertising firms to prepare them to testify at the tenative hearings on 5/20 in Boston and 5/21 in Springfield. A written comment period is also expected after the two hearings.

Coalition partners met on 4/22 at the Massachusetts Restaurant Association office to develop a strategy model for partisans to use at Town Meetings and with Boards of Health concerning future restaurant smoking issues.

Massachusetts local...

Falmouth-Representative Town Meeting members rejected the 100% smoking ban proposed by citizen petition(80 doctors and the former chairman of the Board of Health) and rejected reconsideration by a larger margin on the final night of the annual Town Meeting. This has several other Cape Cod communities reconsidering their position on such matters.

Worcester-The MA. Restaurant Assoc. conducted a meeting this week to prepare partisans for the public hearing to be held on 4/27.

Winthrop-The Board of Health confirmed that they will cease seeking a sales ban in this town during a public meeting with local partisans as we requested.

Arlington-Attorney Vance did send Town Counsel Mahr a letter to provide him with material for the Board of Selectmen who will recommend that the Town meeting representatives take no action on the article during this annual Town Meeting which begins on 4/27/98.

F.E.T.-As reported to R.T.: J. Lieberman was contacted and may be swayed
J. Chafee was contacted by Phil Rivers to oppose the tax increase-no definite decision indicated.
C. Dodd will be approached by Pat Kinney(Ogilvy Public Relations) on behalf of UST & members of Brendan Kennedy's family who work for Dodd.

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